Phone: (608) 266-0656 Toll-Free: (888) 529-0026 Rep.Katsma@legis.wi.gov

P.O. Box 8952 Madison, WI 53708-8952

Contact: Rep. Terry Katsma

(608) 266-0656

For Immediate Release February 12th, 2015

## Rep. Katsma Votes for Privacy Rights and Promoting Public Safety

**Madison...** State Representative Terry Katsma (R–Oostburg) voted today to protect the privacy of Wisconsin citizens. <u>Assembly Bill 19</u> prohibits the use of Global Positioning System devices to track someone in a vehicle without that individual's consent. Under this bill, a violation would be considered a misdemeanor.

"This is something that Assembly Republicans included in our Forward Agenda to bring Wisconsin law into line with U.S. Supreme Court decisions," explained Rep. Katsma. "We want to make sure that this technology isn't giving someone the ability to circumvent the law and invade people's privacy."

Rep. Katsma also voted for <u>Assembly Bill 10</u>—a measure that helps empower victims of domestic abuse to have their cases heard.

"Unfortunately, in today's world, abuse and harassment sometimes cross state lines. Hopefully, this legislation will help protect victims from additional harm," said Rep. Katsma.

Other legislation advanced today to simplify and streamline state requirements for organizations that hold raffles to raise funds.

"I'm very proud of <u>Assembly Bill 14</u>," continued Rep. Katsma. "There are more than 8,000 charitable organizations that hold an active raffle license in Wisconsin, and our existing rules were confusing and burdensome for the volunteers who comprise these groups and organize fundraisers. The changes we made today should make it a lot easier for the sportsmen's clubs, religious groups, veterans organizations and community service groups to execute their events."

###

Rep. Katsma represents the 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which includes the cities of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls; the villages of Adell, Oostburg, Random Lake and Cedar Grove; and the towns of Lima, Holland, Sherman and Wilson. Katsma serves as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions and as a member of the committees on Consumer Protection, Housing and Real Estate, Ways and Means and Workforce Development.